A THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.
"MY GREATEST CRIME WAS TO TAKE PITY ON YOU HUMANS.
"I HID THE SLAVE ENGINE FROM MY PEOPLE AS A KINDNESS TO YOU. AN ACT OF MERCY.
"BUT IF MY YEARS IN EXILE HAVE TAUGHT ME ANYTHING, IT IS HOW UNDESERVING ALL OF YOU ARE.
"TRUST ME. TRANSFORMING YOU INTO ALPHA PRIMITIVES--INTO SERVANTS FOR MY FELLOW INHUMANS...
...WILL BE AN IMPROVEMENT. FINALLY THERE WILL BE A PURPOSE TO YOUR IGNOBLE EXISTENCE!
YOU'RE *INSANE!* STOP THIS AT ONCE! CHANGE THEM AND OUR TEAMMATES BACK OR--
BACK?! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? IT IS IRREVERSIBLE! YOU HAVE *ALREADY LOST!*

CAP? MR. BARTON? WHAT NOW? IF WHAT HE SAID IS TRUE...
...THEN U.S. AGENT, SPIDER-WOMAN, THE OTHERS...?
WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER, JUST KEEP AT 'EM!
AND KEEP NEAR THIS UNSPOKEN FELLA. HE'S NOT ABOUT TO TURN THAT GAS ON HIMSELF.
FOOL!
ONLY THE HUMAN GENOME IS AFFECTED BY XEROGENESIS. I AM IMMUNE TO ITS TOUCH.
FOR THE REST OF YOU, IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME. SUBMIT. BREATHE DEEP. ACCEPT YOUR FATE.
RAGELOOKOUT!
WE'RE NOT ALL HUMAN! AND AS LONG AS ONE AVENGER'S STANDING, WE'LL FIGHT YOU--
GRRRR

RRRARR!
WRONG. YOU'LL FIGHT EACH OTHER.
NEVER AGAIN WILL HUMANS RAISE A HAND AGAINST ANY INHUMAN!
DAMN IT, QUICKSILVER, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE FASTEST MAN ON EARTH! YOU COULDN'T'A SAVED TIGRA AND WICCAN TOO?
PERHAPS IF YOU DIDN'T WEIGH AS MUCH AS A BULL ELEPHANT, RAGE...
IN MY SECLUSION, IT TOOK TIME FOR THE NEWS TO REACH ME...WORD OF THE SILENT WAR BETWEEN THE INHUMANS AND EARTH.
IT WAS BECAUSE I FEARED FOR YOUR KIND THAT I REMOVED THE SLAVE ENGINE AND XEROGEN CRYSTALS FROM ATTILAN! I SPENT DECADES IN EXILE FOR YOU!
AND HOW DO YOU REPAY ME FOR REMOVING MY PEOPLE'S DEFENSE AGAINST YOU? BY MAKING WAR AGAINST THEM! THAT IS WHEN I KNEW...
YOU DO NOT DESERVE MY COMPASSION. ONLY MY WRATH!
THE SILENT WAR? THAT WAS MY DOING. IF I HADN'T STOLEN THE TERRIGEN CRYSTALS, IT NEVER WOULD HAVE HAPPENED.
AND NOW THIS IS ALL ON MY HEAD! WHAT CAN I DO? WHAT CAN ANY OF US DO?

INFINITE AVENGERS MANSION.
JARVIS. JOCASTA. TAKE KATE AND SPEED TO THE INFIRMARY AND SEE TO THEIR INJURIES. I'M OFF TO CHINA.
OF COURSE, MASTER PYM.
Hank, I've been trying to reach Reed Richards. If he should call back...?
TELL 'IM THE DOCTOR'S OUT...

THE UNSPOKEN

PART 5

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BRATTT
SO WHAT'S THE MASTER PLAN, GENIUS? HOW DO WE STOP THIS GUY?
NOT A CLUE, CLINT. I JUST GOT HERE. BUT GIVE ME A SEC AND I'LL COME UP WITH SOMETHING.
GOD, I LOVE YOU.
AMADEUS! ARE YOU RECEIVING?
LOUD AND CLEAR, DOC. I'M ROCKING THE ANT-MAN HELMET AGAIN. Y'KNOW, I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU LOOKED DORKY IN IT, BUT ON ME IT WORKS.
I NEED A SITREP! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
HERCULES AND I HITCHED A RIDE ON THE IMPERIAL DESTROYER THINGY. WE'RE TRYING TO HACK THE AUTOPILOT...

HAVE AT THEE, FOUL AUTOMATON!
KA-CHAMM
...LITERALLY.
CAN YOU LOCATE THE DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR THE GAS? WE CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE MORE OF OUR OWN TURNED AGAINST US!
SIT TIGHT. I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN FIND.
CAREFUL. THE SHIP'S BOUND TO BE HEAVILY GUARDED, AND UNLESS YOU TOOK WEAPONS ALONG WITH THE HELMET, ALL YOU'RE ARMED WITH IS YOUR INTELLECT.
WHAT'RE YOU, SOME KIND OF SELF-HATING NERD?
FOR GUYS LIKE US...

...INTELLECT IS ALL WE NEED.
FZZATT SHZZAKK
AND CONSIDERING EVERYTHING HERE WAS CREATED BACK WHEN PEOPLE WERE WIPING THEIR BUTTS WITH ROCKS, I SERIOUSLY DOUBT I'LL FIND ANYTHING I CAN'T--
--DANG.
THEN AGAIN, AN INSTRUCTION MANUAL WOULD BE NICE.

YNNASH
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, AMADEUS. IN A LARGER SENSE, THE SLAVE ENGINE ITSELF IS THE DELIVERY SYSTEM. SO THE SOLUTION'S SIMPLE...
...KNOCK IT OUT OF THE SKY.
TOOLBOT--APP #25 LASER SWORD ENGAGE!
VOMP
I GRUDGINGLY ADMIRED YOUR DEFIANCE. NO LONGER. NOW I JUST WANT YOU CRUSHED.
I EMBODY THE GENETIC CHANGES, THE ENDLESS ARRAY OF ABILITIES THAT DEFINE MY PEOPLE. WHATEVER POWER I CHOOSE IS MINE. ANY FEAT YOU ARE CAPABLE OF, I CAN MATCH...
SHAKKAASSHH
...AND SURPASS!
GWRARR!
THIS? THIS RIGHT HERE?
THIS'S SOME MESSED UP @#$%!
AGREED!

LOOKS LIKE OUR LUCK'S RUN OUT, PEOPLE. NO WAY WE'RE AVOIDING THIS.
ALL THE FLIERS--GO HELP HANK DOWN THE SHIP! WE'LL BUY YOU TIME AS LONG AS WE CAN!
CASSIE--GET BIGGER. STAY ABOVE THE GAS!
NOT SURE I CAN... BEEN GIANT-SIZE SO LONG I'M EXHAUSTED...
OKAY. THEN SHRINK DOWN... I'VE GOT AN IDEA.

HERE, HOP ON. I USED TO DO THIS TRICK WITH YOUR DAD ALL THE TIME. IT'S YOUR TURN.
OKAY, MR. BARTON. LET'S DO THIS. YOU'LL SEE. I'LL MAKE DAD PROUD.
YOU ALREADY DO, SWEETHEART...
...YOU ALREADY DO.
BARNES? I'M GONNA NEED AN ASSIST.
GOTCHA. I SEE WHAT YOU'RE AIMING FOR.
DON'T WORRY. I COME FROM A TIME...
CHUNKK
"...WHERE WE ALWAYS OPEN THE DOOR FOR A LADY."

AT LEAST WE'VE GOT A CHANCE NOW... EVEN IF IT'S A SMALL ONE.
SEE WHAT I DID THERE? A "SMALL" ONE. HAHAHAKAFF KAFFKAFF
GRRR
GRWAR
RRUHH
RWAHHH
I'LL NEUTRALIZE THE GAS AS BEST I CAN-- QUICKSILVER, ARE YOU--
I AM FINE, RADIOACTIVE MAN... I HAVE MY OWN METHODS. DID ANYONE ELSE MAKE IT?
AH. WELL. I CAN HONESTLY SAY I NEVER THOUGHT MY LAST STAND AS AN AVENGER WOULD COME BACK-TO-BACK WITH A FOUNDER OF THE MASTERS OF EVIL.
AND I NEVER ENVISIONED MINE ALONGSIDE ONE OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS.
TOUCHÉ, DR. CHEN. TOUCHÉ.
WRRAHH
GRAHH

AAGH!
IT HURTS? GOOD. I COULD WOUND YOU A THOUSAND TIMES AND IT WOULD SCARCELY APPROACH THE PAIN I'VE FELT EVERY DAY FOR DECADES.
CAST OUT BY MY PEOPLE... WANTING NOTHING MORE THAN TO ATONE FOR MY CRIME...
...STRIVING ENDLESSLY FOR REDEMPTION NO MATTER THE COST...MY EVERY MOMENT DEFINED BY THE WORST MISTAKE I EVER MADE.
YOU CANNOT IMAGINE WHAT I HAVE ENDURED!
FOOM

YOU'D BE SURPRISED, AND I'M SURPRISED AT HOW PATHETIC IT SOUNDS COMING FROM SOMEONE ELSE.
YOU CAN DO VIRTUALLY ANYTHING. AND YOU'VE CHOSEN TO SPEND YOUR TIME WALLOWING IN PAST MISTAKES... NOT LEARNING FROM THEM AND MOVING ON.
YOU'RE INCAPABLE OF LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE. WHICH MEANS THAT, NO Mmatter WHAT HAPPENS HERE TODAY...
...YOU'VE ALREADY LOST.
"LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE..." WHY DIDN'T I SEE IT. THE ANSWER'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME. TIME.
THAT'S A CHRONAL RAY. THIS THING'S GROWING THESE CRYSTALS BY RAPIDLY ACCELERATING TIME AROUND THEM.
HEY, HERC! YOU GOT CONTROL OF THE SHIP YET?
THIS CRAFT IS LIKE A WOMAN, MY YOUNG FRIEND. ONE DOES NOT CONTROL SO MUCH AS WOO... CHARM... SEDUCE. FORTUNATELY, I AM HERCULES.
IF YOU HAVE COORDINATES IN MIND, SIMPLY SPEAK THEM, AND I SHALL DELIVER US THERE!

CHOOM
CHO HERE...IF ANYBODY'S STILL EVOLVED PAST THE CRO-MAGNON STAGE, I NEED BACKUP INSIDE THE SLAVE ENGINE NOW!
HULKLING, I CAN RESPOND, BUT--
WE'LL BE FINE, JONAS. GO! IF THERE'S ANY CHANCE TO RESTORE BILLY AND THE OTHERS, WE NEED TO TAKE IT.
THIS IS THE VISION. I AM PHASING THROUGH THE HULL OF THE SLAVE ENGINE AND HAVE ACTIVATED MY HOMING BEACON. IS ANYONE ELSE RECEIVING?
COME ON, JONAS. INATTENTIVE BOYFRIENDS ARE SUCH A CLICHÉ.
CASSIE. OUT OF ALL THE OTHERS, IT'S YOU.
GO US! KINDA SEEMS LIKE EVERYTHING'S CLICKING, DOESN'T IT?
Y'KNOW WHAT'S CLICKING? THE EIGHT MILLION ROBOTS AND ALPHA PRIMITIVES SWARMING HERE RIGHT NOW TO STOP ME FROM MESSING WITH THEIR MEAL TICKET!
RELAX, AMADEUS. SCI-FI CAVEMEN, PREHISTORIC ROBOTS...BRING 'EM ON! THEY'RE NO MATCH FOR MIGHTY AVENGERS TEAMWORK!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE LEANING TOWARD RETURNING TO THE YOUNG AVENGERS.
REMIND ME TO EXPLAIN TO YOU WHAT A "BUZZKILL" IS.

I AM RAPIDLY RUNNING OUT OF TACTICS THAT WILL NOT CAUSE LASTING HARM TO OUR COMRADES.
AND THEY'RE TOO THICKLY MASSED TO RETREAT. IT SEEMS LETHAL FORCE IS INEVITABLE FROM ONE SIDE OR--HNGH!
CHO TO QUICKSILVER. WE'VE GOT A SHOT, BUT THE UNSPOKEN COULD STILL PEE IN OUR PROVERBIAL POOL.
CAN YOU GIVE ME A DIVERSION IN FIVE POINT EIGHT SECONDS?
WAK
CHILD'S PLAY. LEAVE IT TO ME, BOY. QUICKSILVER OUT--HTT!
BOLD WORDS, FROM SOMEONE BEING PUMMELED TO DEATH!
ENOUGH! I KNOW THIS MAN. MAY BE A PRIMITIVE FOOL NOW, BUT TRUST ME...
...THERE'S AN EVEN MORE PRIMITIVE ONE INSIDE!
WALKER! IF I CAN'T GET TO THAT BIG MAN--AND FAST--
...THE COMMIES WIN.
HURR?
GRRAAGH!
GOD BLESS THAT UGLY AMERICAN.

AS FOR YOUR DISTRACTION, CHO...
...I FAVOR THE CLASSICS.
NO SLING REQUIRED.
AHH!
DR. PYM! IF I WERE YOU, I'D MOVE YOUR TITANIC TUCHAS ...NOW!
WELL, I'LL BE. IT'S THE AVENGERS! MY AVENGERS!

TURN, MY LOVELY... TURN!
OKAY, PEOPLE, IT'S GO TIME. OPEN HATCHES AND GET OUT OF THE WAY.
THERE'S AN OLD PROVERB I JUST MADE UP. REVENGE IS A DISH BEST SERVED...
...OLD.
ZZRNNN

AAAAAGHHH!
I--I KNOW THIS PAIN!
THE PAIN OF YEAR AFTER YEAR OF SORROW!
DECADES OF ANGER AND DESPAIR! BY KORATH, AND THIS! PLEASE...
I--I WANT TO GO HOME. TAKE ME BACK. CAN'T--CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER... MY HOME... WHERE IS MY HOME?
PYM?! WHAT HAVE I DONE? THAT WAS THE UNSPOKEN! A KING! A GOD!
NO. HE WAS A CREATURE OF PITY. SOMEONE DETERMINED TO LIVE OUT A LIFETIME OF REGRET.
AND TODAY, WE CAN COUNT OURSELVES LUCKY HE DID SO IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

SOON...
...ASSURE YOU, DR. CHEN, THE UNSPOKEN IS NO LONGER A THREAT. HIS POWERS HAVE FADED WITH AGE. AND GIVEN THE UNIQUE JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES INVOLVED...
...I THINK IT'S BEST TO JUST RETURN HIM TO HIS CAVE, WITH HIS ORIGINAL ALPHA PRIMITIVE ATTENDANTS. THEY'LL CARE FOR HIM DURING WHAT TIME HE HAS LEFT.
HE BELONGS IN PRISON. BUT IT'S TRUE, CHINA HAS NO WISH TO PROVOKE THE INHUMANS THE WAY YOU AMERICANS DID.
IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR AID, DR. PYM...AND YOUR USE OF THE CHRONAL BEAM TO RETURN OURS TO THEIR RIGHTFUL STATE...WE WILL DO AS YOU SUGGEST.
COLLECTIVE MAN AND LADY OF TEN SUNS REMEMBER NOTHING OF THEIR ORDEAL, WHILE SCIENTIFIC BEAST AND I DO. CAN I SURMISE THAT THE CHRONAL RAY--
EXACTLY, DOCTOR. BY REVERSING IT, I REGRESSED THEM TO THE WAY THEY WERE BEFORE THEY TRANSFORMED. TIME TRAVEL WITHOUT THE TRAVEL, IF YOU WILL.
HEY, HANK... CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A SEC?
LISTEN, IF THAT GIZMO WORKS THE WAY YOU SAY, YOU COULD...
...USE IT TO GIVE YOURSELF THE CLEAN SLATE YOU ALWAYS WANTED.
IT OCCURRED TO ME. I COULD WIPE AWAY MY SINS...
...AND EVERYTHING I'VE LEARNED FROM THE EXPERIENCE.
CHOOM
I'LL PASS, CLINT. NO MORE GOING BACKWARDS.

...OKAY, WE'VE ESTABLISHED YOU DON'T MIX BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE, BUT NEXT TIME I'M OFF DUTY IN THE STATES, HOW ABOUT WE HOOK UP?
UM, I'M NOT SURE YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS IN AMERICA.
GIVE ME YOUR NUMBER AND YOU MIGHT FIND OUT.
HANK, LISTEN... THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I NEED TO TELL YOU.
THE SCARLET WITCH YOU'VE BEEN WORKING WITH... IT'S NOT WANDA.
I KNOW. MY GOGGLES HAVE A RETINAL SCANNER. I'VE BEEN WAITING TO CONFRONT HER UNTIL THE TIME'S RIGHT. BUT HOW DID YOU FIND OUT?
UH... I'D RATHER NOT TALK ABOUT IT. AND UNLESS I WANT ONE OF MOCKINGBIRD'S BATTLE STAVES STUCK WHERE THE SUN DON'T SHINE, I NEVER WILL.
LET'S JUST HEAD HOME AND PRETEND I NEVER SAID ANYTHING, OKAY?
...WANTED TO TELL YOU STEVE WOULD BE PROUD TO SEE YOU WEARING HIS COLORS. I'M SURE YOU GET THAT ALL THE TIME...
NEVER ENOUGH. ESPECIALLY COMING FROM THE MAN WHO PULLED HIM OUT OF THE DRINK AND INTO THIS DECADE.
THANKS, PYM.
HENRY... MAY I HAVE A MOMENT?
THESE DIMENSIONAL DOORS OF YOURS... CAN THEY TAKE US ANYWHERE?
NEARLY ANYWHERE, ONCE WE'RE BACK AT THE INFINITE MANSION. WHY?
BECAUSE I THINK I KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THE REMAINING XEROGEN CRYSTALS.

ATTILAN.
HOME OF THE INHUMANS. NOW RESIDING ON PLANET HALA, IN THE HEART OF THE KREE EMPIRE.
...THE HEINOUS CRIMES YOU THOUGHT I COMMITTED WERE THE ACTS OF A SKRULL INFILTRATOR DISGUISED AS ME. IT WAS HE WHO STOLE THE TERRIGEN CRYSTALS FROM YOU...
...WHO PROVOKED WAR WITH THE AMERICANS. I ACCEPT FULL BLAME FOR HOW MY MARRIAGE TO YOUR SISTER ENDED, BUT THOSE OTHER THINGS WERE NOT MY DOING.
AND TO PROVE MY GOOD INTENTIONS, QUEEN MEDUSA, I BRING A GIFT.
THE XEROGEN CRYSTALS ARE RETURNED TO ATTILAN AT LAST.
IMPRESSIVE, PIETRO.
WE THANK YOU...AND RESTORE YOUR CITIZENSHIP.
IT SHALL BE AS IF THE CRIMES COMMITTED IN YOUR NAME NEVER HAPPENED.
JUST AS THIS MOMENT NEVER HAPPENED. BECAUSE THE XEROGEN CRYSTALS DO NOT EXIST. AM I UNDERSTOOD?
OF COURSE, YOUR MAJESTY.
PIETRO, I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW HAPPY THIS MAKES ME. AND I KNOW SOMEONE WHO'LL BE EVEN HAPPIER.
GUARD, PLEASE BRING OUR DAUGHTER FORWARD...
LUNA! MY GOD, I'VE MISSED YOU. WE HAVE SO MUCH TO CATCH UP ON...SO MUCH TIME TO MAKE UP FOR...
STOP IT, FATHER. YOU KNOW WHAT MY POWER IS. I CAN SEE THE TRUTH.
THERE WAS NO SKRULL. YOU LIED. YOU ALWAYS LIE.
I WON'T TELL ANYONE. I LOVE YOU... I CAN'T HELP THAT.
BUT I CAN NEVER RESPECT YOU AGAIN.
NO.
AND EVERY TIME YOU LOOK AT ME, YOU'LL SEE IT. YOU'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER WHAT YOU DID. EVEN IF IT STAYS...
...UNSPOKEN.
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